



General Assembly

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Raised Bill No. 5881

LCO No. 2478

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

Introduced by:
(JUD)

An Act Concerning Civil Actions Against Crime Victims.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 (NEW) Any person, or any attorney appearing for such person, who
2 commences and prosecutes any civil action or complaint against a
3 crime victim, as defined in section 1-1k of the general statutes, in such
4 person's name or the name of others, or asserts a defense to any civil
5 action or complaint commenced and prosecuted by a crime victim,
6 concerning any act or omission of such crime victim with respect to the
7 criminal case of the person or persons charged with committing the
8 crime, (1) without probable cause, shall pay such crime victim double
9 damages, together with costs and a reasonable attorney's fee, or (2)
10 without probable cause, and with a malicious intent unjustly to vex
11 and trouble such crime victim, shall pay such crime victim treble
12 damages, together with costs and a reasonable attorney's fee.

Statement of Purpose:

To protect crime victims from frivolous suits by providing that any person or attorney who, without probable cause, brings an action or asserts a defense against a crime victim concerning acts or omissions of

that crime victim with respect to the criminal case is subject to double or treble damages plus costs and attorney's fees.

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